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TO: PRIORITY MINSK.  
FROM: LIMIT C/CE/W/MB INFO C/CE/W/IS, C/CE/W

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE

REF: MINSK 14072 95 1207999

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: INFORMATION BELOW PROVIDED AS  
BACKGROUND FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR.

2. WE RESEARCHED THE ~~JYVAPOROUS~~ PROMISE TO DELIVER FILES ON  
\*~~LEE HARVEY OSWALD.~~ WHILE NOT MUCH ON THIS SUBJECT IS REFLECTED IN  
THE FILES, WE DID COME UP WITH INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES THAT  
THAT MATTER WAS TURNED OVER TO THE ~~FBI FOR ACTION~~ THE ORIGINAL  
OFFER WAS MADE BY ~~JYVAPOROUS/1 (V/I)~~ TO FORMER ~~G/CE~~ IN MAY 92. IN  
OCTOBER 1992, ~~DC/CETF/W~~ VISITED MINSK FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS  
~~WITH V/I RE THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS~~. THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN  
DIRECTLY FROM ~~THE TRIP REPORT~~:

\* "WE OPENED THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TOPIC OF THE ~~LEE HARVEY~~  
<OSWALD> FILES, TELLING ~~V/I~~ THE FBI IS PREPARING A LETTER TO ~~PRIME~~  
MINISTER KEBICH, ASKING PERMISSION TO SEE THE FILE. ~~V/I BECAME~~  
~~IRRITABLE AND DEFENSIVE~~, SAYING THAT SINCE THE USG ~~DID NOT DESIGN~~  
TO MAKE PUBLIC ALL MATERIAL PERTAINING TO ITS OWN INVESTIGATION OF  
\*THE ~~KENNEDY ASSASSINATION~~ (THE WARREN REPORT), WHY SHOULD HE BE  
PRESSURED INTO SURRENDERING HIS FILE. ~~WE SAID NO PRESSURE IS~~  
~~INVOLVED~~ WE ARE ONLY FOLLOWING UP ON HIS OFFER. ~~(STILL DEFENSIVE)~~  
HE STATED HE WOULD NOT ALLOW ACCESS TO THE RAW FILE, WHICH WOULD  
EXPOSE SOURCES AND METHODS USED TO SURVEIL AND INVESTIGATE OSWALD  
~~IN MINSK~~ HE OFFERED INSTEAD SUMMARIES CONTAINING THE RESULTS OF  
THE INVESTIGATION AND SURVEILLANCE, WHICH OSTENSIBLY WERE PREPARED  
AT THE TIME OF OSWALD'S STAY ~~IN MINSK~~ HE WOULD ALLOW OUR  
"EXPERTS" (PRESUMABLY USG) TO EXAMINE THE DOCUMENTS CLOSELY AND TO  
CONFIRM THEIR AUTHENTICITY AND COMPLETENESS. HE HINTED THAT WE  
~~(NWBLTAN REPRESENTATIVES)~~ MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO LOOK A BIT INTO THE  
RAW FILE. ~~WE SAID~~ WE WOULD RELAY THIS TO OUR SUPERIORS, BUT  
EXPLAINED AGAIN THAT, DUE TO THE SENSITIVITY AMONG SOME AMERICANS  
\*STEMMING FROM THEIR DISTRUST OF NWBLTAN VIS A VIS THE ~~KENNEDY~~

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\*<ASSASSINATION,>WE COULD NOT UNILATERALLY HANDLE THE FILES --  
THOUGH WE COULD HELP FACILITATE THEIR PASSAGE TO THE PROPER USG  
AUTHORITIES (THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT)."

3... V/1 THEN TOLD OUR C/O THAT THE FBI'S LETTER SHOULD BE  
SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME SOVIET VICE THE PRIME MINISTER  
AND WE AGREED TO SO INFORM THE FBI. THAT MEMO IS THE LAST  
INFORMATION WE HAVE ON THE MATTER. THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE  
THAT THE FBI DID INDEED SEND THE LETTER OR, IF IT WAS SENT, THAT  
THEY RECEIVED A REPLY TO IT. BECAUSE IT WAS PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED  
THAT THE FBI HAD PRIMACY IN THIS MATTER, IT IS OUR DETERMINATION  
THAT WE SHOULD NOT REQUERY JYVAPOROUS. WE HAVE ASKED OUR REP AT<sup>d</sup>  
THE FBI TO CHECK (INFORMALLY) AS TO THE STATUS OF THEIR DIALOGUE  
WITH THE JYVAPOROUS AND WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE  
THE ANSWER. PLEASE ASSURE THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD LIKE US TO  
PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH THE FBI THROUGH OUR CHANNELS, WE WILL BE  
GLAD TO DO SO. REGARDS.

FILE: NONE. INDEX: NONE. DECL OADR DRV HUM 4-82.>

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